

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An analyzing device, comprising:
 - a rotating body for transferring a target analyte;
 - an optical detector for optically analyzing the target analyte;
 - the rotating body holding the target analyte by applying a negative pressure to the target analyte while transferring the target analyte in a circumferential direction of the rotating body;
 - the rotating body including an inner space for negative pressure application, a plurality of positioning recesses, each for placing and holding the target analyte, and through-holes for connecting the positioning recesses and the inner space;
 - the inner space accommodating a blockade member for selectively closing or opening the through-holes by movement relative to the rotating body; and
 - a blade that is inserted between the target analyte and a bottom of the positioning recess for removing the target analyte held in the positioning recess,
wherein the rotating body includes a plurality of guide portions respectively located between each two adjacent positioning recesses for allowing the blade to move relative to the rotating body in contact with a bottom of each guide portion and the bottom of each positioning recess.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The analyzing device according to claim 1, further comprising a negative pressure generator for applying the negative pressure to the inner space.
4. (Original) The analyzing device according to claim 1, wherein the rotating body includes a rotary axis extending insubstantially horizontal direction.

5. (Previously Presented) The analyzing device according to claim 1, wherein the rotating body is formed as a cylinder having an outer surface formed with the positioning recesses.

6. (Previously Presented) The analyzing device according to claim 5, wherein the positioning recesses extend in an axial direction of the rotating body and are spaced from each other in a circumferential direction of the rotating body.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The analyzing device according to claim 1, wherein the blockade member extends in an axial direction of the rotating body and is formed with a cutout extending in the axial direction.

9. (Previously Presented) The analyzing device according to claim 1, further comprising a housing for accommodating at least a part of the rotating body, wherein one end of the blockade member is non-rotatably supported by the housing.

10. (Previously Presented) The analyzing device according to claim 1, wherein the blockade member opens the through-hole connected to the positioning recess on which the target analyte is placed when the target analyte assumes a position for measurement by the optical detector, thereby applying the negative pressure on the target analyte.

11. (Previously Presented) The analyzing device according to claim 10, wherein the target analyte is transferred by rotating the rotating body through no less than 180 degrees, the target analyte being transferred from a position at which the target analyte is placed at the positioning recess to the position for measurement by the optical detector.

12. (Previously Presented) The analyzing device according to claim 1, wherein the blockade member closes the through-hole connected to the positioning recess at a position where the target analyte is placed on the positioning recess, thereby preventing the target analyte from

being subjected to the negative pressure.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The analyzing device according to claim 1 wherein a suction applying clearance is provided between each positioning recess and the through-hole connected to the positioning recess, the suction applying clearance applying the negative pressure on the target analyte in an area extending in an axial direction of the rotating body.

16. (Previously Presented) The analyzing device according to claim 15, wherein the suction applying clearance is formed by forming a recess smaller than each positioning recess adjacent to a disposing portion and closer to an axis of the rotating body.

17. (Original) The analyzing device according to claim 1, wherein the target analyte is an analyzing tool for analyzing a sample, an excess of the sample adhering to the analyzing tool being removed when the analyzing tool is subjected to the negative pressure.

18-20. (Canceled)